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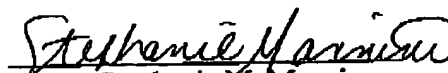
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This Amendment is filed as a Supplementary Amendment to the Preliminary Amendment filed with an RCE on June 29, 2006, and in response to the FINAL Office Action mailed on April 3, 2006, and in response to a telephone interview between Examiner Ke and Applicant's undersigned attorney held on or about August 28, 2006. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.